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1. GOE RESPONSE TO ISRAELI ELECTIONS CONTINUES TO COMBINE
OSTENSIBLE NONCHALANCE OVER LIKUD VICTORY WITH EFFORT TO FIX
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEACE PROGRESS MORE FIRMLY THAN EVER ON US
AND REMINDERS THAT ARABS HAVE MILITARY/ECONOMIC OPTIONS AVAILABLE
IN EVENT PEACE OFFENSIVE FAILS. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH FRG
OPPOSITION LEADER STRAUSS MAY 22, SADAT AGAIN TOLD PRESS THAT
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ISRAELI ELECTION RESULTS REPRESENT NOTHING NEW BECAUSE THERE
NO ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEGIN, RABIN, PERES AND GOLDA MEIR.
SADAT WENT ON TO REPEAT THAT US MUST "SHOULDER ITS RESPONSIBILITIES"
IN BRINGING ABOUT SETTLEMENT.

2. SPEAKING ELSEWHERE, FONMIN FAHMY ALSO DISMISSED LIEKLIHOOD THAT
ISRAELI ELECTIONS COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON CHANCES FOR

SETTLEMENT. WORLD WOULD NOT COLLAPS JUST BECAUSE "TERRORIST BECAME PRIME MINISTER. FAHMY REMARKED, HOWEVER, THAT ARAB USE OF "OIL WEAPON" WOULD BE A CERTAINTY IF ISRAELIS PERSISTED IN OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES. "US AND OTHERS" SHOULD REMEMBER THAT DETERRENT VALUE OF OIL EMBARGO EQUAL TO THAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MAR'I MEANWHILE TOLD STUDENT AUDIENCE THAT SUCCESS OF LIKUD "LED BY NOTORIOUS TERRORIST MENAHEM BEGIN, ARCHITECT OF DEIR YASSIN MASSACRE", CONCERN'S ISRAEL ALONE. ARABS ARE UNITED IN WILL AND HAD PREVIOUSLY ANSWERED ISRAELI THREATS WITH OCTOBER WAR VICTORY.

4. PRESS FOUND COMFORT AND SUPPORT FOR THESE VIEWS IN PRESIDENT CARTER STATEMENTS, BANNED BY AKHBAR AND TIED TO ISRAELI ELECTION, THAT "FAILURE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE CASTASTROPHE FOR WHOLE WORLD" AND THAT "US POLICY NOT INFLUENCED BY CHANGES OF LEADERSHIP IN ANY MIDDLE EAST NATION, NOR BY OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH ISRAEL."

5. EDITORIAL COMMENTARY WAS IN SAME VEIN, AKHBAR WARNING ISRAEL THAT BEGIN AND OTHERS MUST LEARN LESSONS OF OCTOBER WAR BEFORE ENGAGING IN FURTHER PROVOCATIONS. AHRAM AND GUMHURIYA BOTH REMINDED US AND USSR THAT MIDDLE EAST SIUTATION WILL NOT WITHSTAND FURTHER (ISRAELI) PROCRASTINATION.

6. COMMENT: ORCHESTRATED HIGH LEVEL REACTION TO ISRAELI ELECTION IS BEING ECHOED TO US BY CONTACTS AT ALL LEVELS. CONVICTION THAT ONLY US CAN PULL SETTLEMENT CHESTNUTS OUT OF ISRAELI FIRE
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ALWAYS WIDELY HELD AND SEEMS TO HAVE DEEPENED. THIS PROFESSED VIEW, HOWEVER, SHOULD ALSO BE SEEN AS AT LEAST PARTLY A TACTICAL PLOY TO CONVICE US THAT WE DO INDEED HOLD 99 PERCENT OF THE CARDS AND MUST KEEP ISRAELI FEET CLOSE TO THE FIRE.

7. MEANWHILE, DESPITE ABOVE REFERENCES TO BEGIN AS TERRORIST, BY FAHMY (ALWAYS IRASCIBLE) AND MAR'I (SPEAKING TO SENSITIVE AUDIENCE) MEDIA HAS BECOME MARKEDLY LESS SHRILL.
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